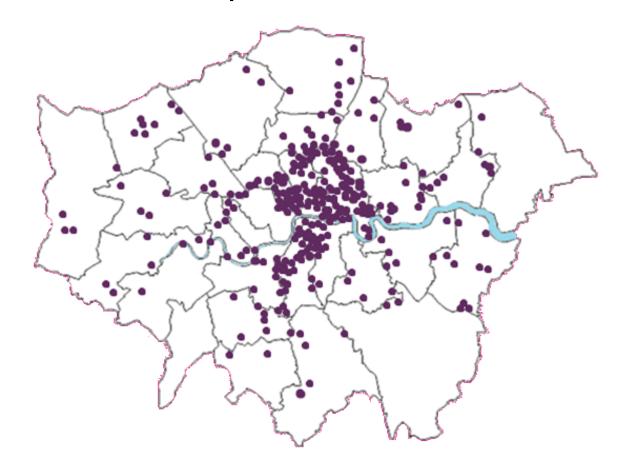


# Welcome to London Youth

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A network of over 470+ youth organisations drawn from all parts of the capital





Opportunity

- Outdoor Education
- Sports and Arts Development
- Youth Action

Development

- Quality Mark
- Grants and funding opportunities
- Training workshops

Voice

- Learning networks
- Policy responses
- Connecting with decision-makers



# **Sports Development**

Working with community youth organisations to offer free and inclusive sport and physical activity opportunities.

Developing the next generation of coaches, leaders and role models.

Offering competitions, festivals and experience events

Focus on increasing physical and mental wellbeing, improving peer relationships and developing more positive attitudes to being active.





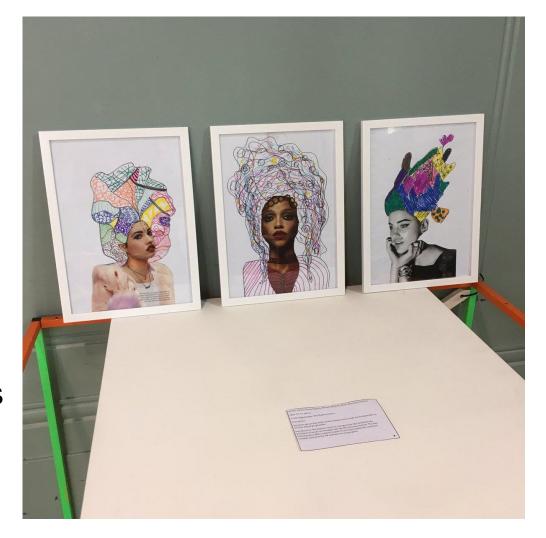
# **Arts Development**

Youth-led projects working with artists and arts organisations

Programme of capacity building networking events, taster sessions for young people and workshops aimed at youth workers

#### Includes:

Taster sessions / ongoing project support / trips to arts and culture venues / showcase event





### **Youth Social Action**

Young people leading in their organisations and communities.

The Youth Action team support young people to design, lead and learn from their own projects and get more involved in decision making.

### Programmes including:

East London Leaders / Keeping It Wild / Microgrants

Dare London / Youth Involvement Network & Training

### **City Leaders**





### **Outdoor Education**

Woodrow High House and Hindleap Warren residential centres available for youth groups.

Discounted for London Youth members.

Can include:

High ropes / Archery / Abseiling / Sports / Environmental learning





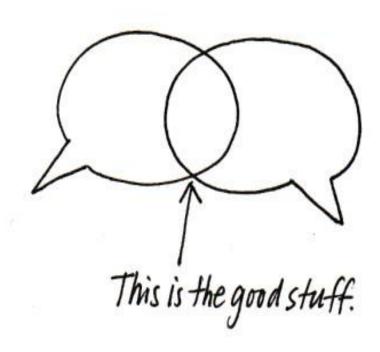


# **Learning Networks**

We bring together members and partners in a number of networks.

#### Our current networks are:

- Inclusion Network
- Tackling Youth Violence Network
- Employability Network
- Youth Involvement Network
- Wellbeing & Mental Health Network





# London Youth Quality Mark



# What is the Quality Mark?

- The Quality Mark is a quality assurance framework providing your organisation with a badge of excellence. It has been designed to establish a recognised level of quality across any group/organisation that is delivering youth work.
- The Quality Mark is not a "pass" or "fail" test but a way of taking your organisation on a journey to achieve and demonstrate a level of competence.
- The Quality Mark is co-delivered with UK Youth and accredited by City and Guilds, the global leader in skills development & apprenticeship schemes and is recognised by local authorities and funders.



### **Quality Mark Levels**



- Focus on policy and procedure
- Legal requirements to open responsibly
- Safe and stimulating space for young



- Emphasis on personal development
- Young person's participation
- Outcome for young people



- Youth led
- Centre of excellence
- Commissioning and funding



# Why do it

- Nationally recognised
- Externally accredited by City & Guilds
- Focus on young people
- Highlights areas for improvement
- Tool for being ready for commissioning and funders
- Cost of Quality Mark is included in membership
- Currently £3000, £5000 or £7000 of unrestricted funding is available



### Who benefits from the QM?

**Young People**: They have an important role within the organisation and can participate in decision-making; they are made to feel welcome and valued; their opportunities for new experiences and for personal development is increased

**Parents**: Security and knowledge that staff are screened and trained in child protection policies and that the premises is safe. They will know that their child will have opportunities for personal development

**Staff/Management**: Increased awareness of the day-to-day running of the organisation; increased training opportunities; publicly committed to equality

**External Partners/Funders**: Their awareness that the organisation meets all legal requirements to provide a safe place for young people; their confidence that the organisation is functioning in the best interest of young people is increased

**Community**: Increased awareness of the organisation's existence; developed a valuable and visible role in the local community; increased communication among parents, staff, members and management



### **Indicators**

- 1. Focus on Young People
- 2. Outcomes for Young People
- 3. Safeguarding and Child Protection
- 4. Diversity, Equality and Inclusion
- 5. Health and Safety
- 6. Staff and Volunteers
- 7. Leadership and Management
- 8. Partnerships: working with others



# **Training**

- Impact Measurement & Evaluation
- Improving Policies (Safeguarding + Health and Safety)
- Intro to Equality and Diversity
- Risk Assessments
- Intro to Safeguarding
- Premises Management
- Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Youth Involvement Training
- Strategy and Fundraising Planning
- Mental Health training



### **Process**

- Become a London Youth Member
- Begin gathering evidence (soft or hard copy)
- Attend training workshops provided
- Attend a Quality Mark Workshop at 50% completion
- Book a 'Check-In' with your Membership Development Officer when 80-90% complete
- Undertake an assessment
- 3 year renewal process



# Any questions?

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